

2023 Northern Border Regional Commission Catalyst Program Awards - Maine

Applicant: Anson Madison Sanitary District

NBRC Award: \$1,000,000

Total Project Cost: \$4,704,500

The enhancement of the wastewater treatment system by improving lagoon aeration, improving chemical storage and delivery systems, and adding tertiary treatment systems to improve wastewater treatment and use technology to remove PFAS contamination.

Applicant: City of Belfast

NBRC Award: \$1,000,000

Total Project Cost: \$3,507,400

Improvements to sections of two streets include sewer line, in-ground storm drains and catch basins, sidewalks, curbing, pedestrian crossings.

Applicant: City of Presque Isle

NBRC Award: \$1,000,000

Total Project Cost: \$1,250,000

Presque Isle International Airport (PQI) serves two Native American Tribes, two cities (under 10,000 residents each), 53 towns, nine plantations and 112 unorganized townships with all but the two cities having less than 5,000 residents; and part of the Canadian Province of New Brunswick as well as the First Nation. The project will replace the circa 1954 undersized terminal building at PQI with a new, efficient terminal. Unlike the existing terminal, the proposed terminal will be fully ADA-compliant and will expand accessibility for persons with disabilities.

Applicant: Mahoosuc Pathways dba Inland Woods

NBRC Award: \$1,000,000

Total Project Cost: \$3,532,000

The Western Maine Trails Investment Partnership (WMTIP) is a unique collaboration of five partners, and this project will improve access, amenities, and opportunities for trail-based recreation at 15 trail systems in Oxford County, including resurfacing trails, improving trailhead parking areas, and establishing miles of new mountain bike trails.

Applicant: University of Maine System
NBRC Award: \$1,000,000
Total Project Cost: \$1,663,641

The Project will create an Immersive Manufacturing Center called the “GEM Gateway,” within the Green Engineering and Materials (GEM) Factory of the Future, a transformational mass timber facility that consists of an integrated, flexible manufacturing space that leverages digital manufacturing technology using sustainable, bio-based materials. The purpose of the Gateway is to build community connectivity and career opportunities in Maine within fields critical to the future of the State of Maine as described in the Economic Development Strategy – specifically at the intersection of advanced manufacturing and sustainable, biobased materials.

Applicant: Town of Greenville
NBRC Award: \$991,708
Total Project Cost: \$1,256,708

The project includes construction of public roads and related parking, sidewalks, and storm water management systems, sewer line extensions, and water line extensions to facilitate construction of a proposed 26-unit, \$6.5 million workforce housing development.

Applicant: East Millinocket
NBRC Award: \$750,000
Total Project Cost: \$7,500,000

Fundamental to the redevelopment of the former East Millinocket mill site will be infrastructure improvements that will enhance functionality and safety for all those businesses locating on the repurposed campus.

Applicant: Our Katahdin
NBRC Award: \$750,000
Total Project Cost: \$12,153,825

The proposed project at One North is the long-delayed decommissioning and re-purposing of the wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) to enable site redevelopment for new industrial tenants and manufacturers.

Applicant: Town of Stonington
NBRC Award: \$671,364
Total Project Cost: \$ 1,324,728

The Town of Stonington will upgrade Oceanville Road to ensure climate resiliency and ensure transportation of lobsters and other products critical to the local economies in this area of coastal Maine.

Applicant: Shiretown Development Corporation

NBRC Award: \$500,000

Total Project Cost: \$1,867,585

The proposed project will include the purchase of a pre-engineered steel building, concrete slab, fixtures and cabinetry, electrical and utility hookups, and site work at the Houlton Industrial Park to house a manufacturer that will construct energy efficient tiny homes.

Applicant: Sunrise County Economic Council

NBRC Award: \$500,000

Total Project Cost: \$625,000

The Project will engage and support commercial fishers in coastal Washington County communities, and their families, in diversification and value-added efforts through business coaching, training, and technical assistance; financial literacy education and resources; connection to career opportunities; and connection to recovery and behavioral health resources. The overarching goal is to help Washington County households address income uncertainty, industry volatility, and climate change challenges through an innovative, integrative, and holistic approach.

Applicant: City of Caribou

NBRC Award: \$472,550

Total Project Cost: \$625,030

Riverfront Master Plan will promote economic development, tourism, recreation, environmental protection, and enhance the sense of place for Caribou, and will include the purchase of two available properties critical to maintaining and enhancing the historical, cultural, and environmental qualities in Caribou.

Applicant: Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

NBRC Award: \$440,378.00

Total Project Cost: \$ 1,027,715.50

Workforce Initiative to connect people with career training and employment, test private sector transportation solutions, create and implement a training program for employers to address recruitment, and hiring and retention best practices for a culturally diverse workforce.

Applicant: Black Mountain of Maine
NBRC Award: \$380,000
Total Project Cost: \$482,555

Black Mountain of Maine is an independent non-profit ski area with the fourth largest vertical drop in the state. The purpose of this project is to increase the snowmaking ability at Black Mountain of Maine through the acquisition of 13 additional snowguns. This increase in snowmaking ability will allow the mountain to open earlier in the season, when skier pent up demand is at its greatest.

Applicant: Knox County
NBRC Award: \$294,000
Total Project Cost: \$588,000

This project will include the installation of electric automobile charger and an electric aircraft charger at the Knox County Regional Airport. The electric aircraft charging station will be the first to be installed in Maine to enable autonomous delivery of mail, parcels, and groceries to the neighboring island communities.

Applicant: Town of Eagle Lake
NBRC Award: \$250,000
Total Project Cost: \$5,882,000

The project will replace the lagoon liners and aeration system, construct a new headworks building that will house a new screening system, backup generator and septage receiving station, install new pumps valves and controls, telemetry and SCADA systems and parking lot overlay. Three other pump stations will have new pumps, valves and modern controls.